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FOR FUEL CELL POWER SYSTEM :

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<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>	<u>Inventor/Applicant</u>
A	6,387,556	5/14/2002	Fuglevand, et al.
B	5,991,670	11/23/1999	Mufford, et al.

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A1	EP1274145	1/8/2003	Aoyagi, et al.	Yes
B1	WO02/078103	10/3/2002	Ross, et al.	Yes
C1	WO01/08247	2/1/2001	Edlund, et al.	Yes
D1	DE19514813	11/21/1996	Scholte, et al.	Yes

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